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Attorney Docket No. A-63761-1/RFT/RMS

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

<u>In re</u> application of:)	Examiner: A. Marschel
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KAYYEM <i>et al.</i>)	Group Art Unit: 1634
)	
Serial No. 08/873,978)	San Francisco, California
)	
Filed: June 12, 1997)	
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For: ELECTRODES LINKED VIA)	
CONDUCTIVE OLIGOMERS)	
TO NUCLEIC ACIDS)	
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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Assistant Commissioner
for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

In response to the October 1, 1998 Office Action imposing restriction as between Group I, claims 1-21, 34, 35, 45, and 46 drawn to electrode and nucleic acid compositions and methods of making same; Group II, claims 22-27 drawn to methods of detection; Group III, claims 28-32 drawn to oligomer attachment methods and Group IV, claims 33 and 36-44 drawn to conductive oligomers, Applicant hereby elects Group IV, claims 33 and 36-44 drawn to conductive oligomers, for prosecution at this time.

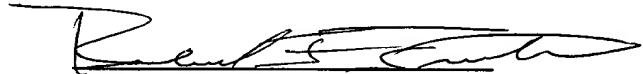
In connection with this election, please cancel claims 1-32, 34, 35, 45, and 46.

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This response is accompanied by a petition for a two month extension of time and the required fee, making this a timely response. The Commissioner is authorized to charge any additional fees, including fees for an extension of time or other relief as may be required or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 06-1300 (Our Order No. A-63761-1/RFT/RMS).

Respectfully submitted,

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